

Cries of the Earth and the Poor

By: Sean Callahan, News Editor



Briola lectures about the themes and theological implications of his book. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

Lucas Briola, Assistant Professor of Theology at Saint Vincent College, has been hard at work outside the classroom and office. Almost a decade ago, Briola began work on *The Eucharistic Vision of Laudato Si'*, his now published book. The Theology Department and Center for Catholic Thought and Culture partnered to host a book launch for Briola on Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Fred Rogers Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

Jerome Foss, Professor of Political Science and the Center for Catholic Thought, opened the event and introduced Briola to the audience. He was inspired to organize Briola's book launch due to a desire to promote more interdisciplinary dialogue, the sharing of ideas among professors, and "the search for truth."

Much of Briola's inspiration and basis

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Parking Punishments and Possibilities

By: Suki Rowden, Staff Writer

One of the most common complaints, from students and staff alike, is parking. Many students have received tickets, especially in recent months. Students often complain of the long treks from the lots to the academic buildings or residences and park in other lots that are closer.

Senior integrated science major Amanda Pugliano states her biggest complaint about campus parking is in Lot N, in between the Dupre Science Pavilion and the Carey Student Center.

"I don't think they should ticket Lot N at night because sometimes I am there for a meeting. Also, I know that many students, especially commuters, feel uncomfortable walking around campus at night," Pugliano said.

Like Pugliano, many students who reside in halls like Gerard,

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for the book centers on *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis's 2015 social encyclical, and the study of the church (especially as shaped by the Second Vatican Council).

Briola structured his talk using three main topics of his book, which also correspond to three parts of *Laudato si'*. They are communion and natural/human ecology, the encyclical's assessment of the modern world, and a eucharistic ethos.

"One of the achievements of Vatican II was its recovery of the church as a theological reality. The primary name for this reality is communion," Briola said.

He emphasized integral ecology, a concept Pope Francis discusses in *Laudato si'*, which is an "integrated and holistic approach to addressing the global crisis that affects both humanity and the environment". Briola explained that this ecology can be divided into human and natural areas. Human refers to issues pertaining to human life, such as "the protection of the unborn, the preservation of the family", according to Briola. Natural refers to issues pertaining to "flourishing of the natural world, such as the cleanliness of water supply, conservation of forest, and the promotion of biodiversity."

"We need to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor together," Briola said.

Briola then discussed the necessity of *Laudato si'* in the modern world. He noted that the church has

been critical of the modern world for much of its own history, and that Vatican II has been viewed as more affirming of the modern world. In support of this narrative, Briola cited affirmations of science and modern aspirations in *Gaudium et spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

Laudato si', according to Briola, has its own reading of modernity. He argued that while it is popular to view Pope Francis as a modern pope, *Laudato si'* is far from modern. Pope Francis argued in the encyclical that the ecological crisis is a "small sign of the ethical, cultural, and spiritual crisis of modernity."

"Pope Francis calls the world to 'leave behind the modern myth of unlimited material progress, and to redefine our notion of progress,'" Briola said, quoting the pope's encyclical.

The pope, Briola said, does not refer to technological advancements as divinely ordained despite his appreciation for them. Pope Francis is concerned about humanity using technology to "reduce the broader world to an object that one can control and manipulate." According to Briola, the pope offers a scathing critique of the modern world in *Laudato si'* and calls for humility in assessing technological achievement.

Finally, Briola discussed the "eucharistic ethos" of *Laudato si'* and another achievement of Vatican II: the reprioritization of liturgy in the church's life. He feels that much of today's Catholic theology comes

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Dr. Briola's New Book

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more often from non-theological or ideological foundations, rather than a liturgical one. He explained how the primary purpose of the church is supposed to be to praise and glorify God, and that this is forgotten today despite being a central theme in Vatican II.

Briola argued that the Eucharist shapes *Laudato si'* entirely, in part because it is the only social encyclical to discuss the Eucharist at length. Pope Francis included a large section meditating on the Eucharist and sacraments.

To conclude, Briola argued that Vatican II has had its legacy overshadowed by continuous debates since its conclusion. He said that no council until Vatican II had explicitly asserted that holiness was the goal of the church and hoped that *Laudato si'* and his book would serve this end.

"Our work for justice, our caring for creation, is linked to our eucharistic vocation," Briola said. "A key part of being a Catholic is to celebrate the Eucharist. That demands that we care for creation."

Briola's book, *The Eucharistic Vision of Laudato Si'* is available for purchase at the campus bookstore and other retailers online.

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Students and Staff Continue to Have Issues Parking on Campus

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Aurelius, and Wimmer have complained not only about the distance from the lots to their rooms, but also the dangerous conditions during the winter. Oftentimes, students are walking on unsalted walkways or steps and are afraid of sustaining injuries.

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The most severe punishment an SVC vehicle can receive, the boot.
(SOURCE: @svcbadparking, Instagram)

Campus Parking Issues

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Another troublesome issue is the lack of accessibility. In lots Q and R, there are no disabled parking spots, and it is difficult to enter the residences without traversing steep sets of stairs. Furthermore, the distance from the further lots like S and A may be too difficult to manage for people with certain medical conditions like altered mobility, respiratory disorders, and cardiac disorders, which limit their ability to safely travel the distance.

While all of this may be the case, parking in undesignated lots causes a cascade of other issues that lead to other problems, like lack of available spots and blocking fire lanes. Because of all of these moving parts, Dr. Jeff Mallory, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Saint Vincent College, shed some light on the parking issues.

“Currently, we are in the analysis phase, trying to find patterns which change every year,” Dr. Mallory said. “There are also benchmarks of the semester where additional reminders are required to encourage correct parking.”

However, the biggest parking issue SVC is worried about is the rise in the fire lane violations in conjunction with the decrease in public safety staff.

Dr. Mallory used Lot N as an example as to why the parking situation on campus is so complex. This particular lot is widely used by five or six entities on campus at one given time, meaning strict management of its access is needed. Furthermore, there are peak times during the day when the lot has a greater volume of cars.

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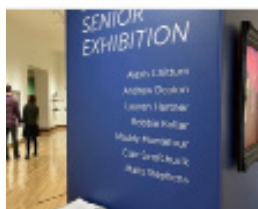
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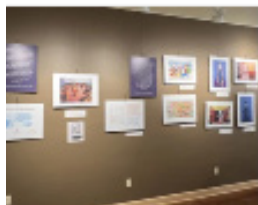
Visiting Writers Series returns to Saint Vincent

On October 2nd, Staff Writer The Visiting Writers Series made its return to Saint Vincent College on Oct. 5 in the Verostko Center Bldg.



Class of 2022 art majors display work in Verostko Center

By June 15th, Staff Writer The Verostko Center for the Arts recently opened the 2022 community and visitors with a huge display.



Fred Rogers Scholars collaborate with Latrobe Art Center

By Jacob Kornbluth, Staff Writer Fred Rogers, known for millions of Americans as Mister Rogers, began a very special day.



Not throwing away their shot: Students surprised and satisfied with Hamilton trip

On Feb. 15th, Arts and Culture Editor The Activities Professionalism Society (APS) planned a trip to Pittsburgh to see Hamilton on March 11th.



Grant paves way to humanities project

By Ryan Callahan, Staff Writer A new financial opportunity was announced by Public Relations via a news release issued on Feb. 8. The...

Seeking Solutions for Campus Parking Problems

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When questioned as to whether Saint Vincent has considered expanding parking lots amidst student and faculty concerns, Dr. Mallory stated that this would not be considered until the summer of 2023 at the earliest.

“For now, the main goal is to re-prioritize the parking lots to see if this would alleviate some issues.”



Saint Vincent College parking lots. (SOURCE: Saint Vincent College)

ARTS & CULTURE

Women's Week Spotlight

By: Erin Brody, Arts & Culture Editor

After decades of being a co-ed school, some people are still shocked to hear about a woman attending Saint Vincent College. While admitting women is on the newer side of SVC's history, the school is sure to recognize the amazing women leaders on campus.

One way the school did this was through encouraging the SVC community to nominate a woman on campus to be recognized as Outstanding Women in conjunction with Women's Week. While many of the nominees were students, both staff and faculty nominees took the board. Let's learn about some of these amazing women!

Sarah Burger

Sarah is a sophomore English and theology major who plays a huge role in Campus Ministry. This past fall, she planned the Women's Retreat, and this semester, she gave her testimony during the Festival of Praise. She felt very appreciative when she learned that someone took the time to nominate her.

What does SVC's Women's Week mean to you?

"International Women's Week is an opportunity to celebrate outstanding women throughout history. There were many amazing Saint Vincent (College) women nominated this week, and I hope all the nominations can inspire other students."

Are there any outstanding women from your life that have helped you get where you are today?

"There are so many amazing women in my life that have inspired me, including my family and teachers. Every day, I am inspired to become a better person by my lovely Saint Vincent (College) female friends."

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Pictures of SVC women who were nominated as Outstanding Women were hung in the Carey Student Center during Women's Week. (SOURCE: BRODY)

Get to Know Some of the Outstanding Women of SVC

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Sara Lindey, Ph.D.

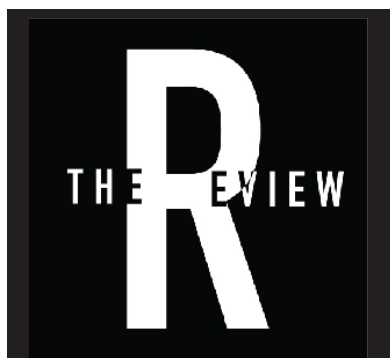
Dr. Lindey is a fan favorite among students. She is chair of the English Department, Director of the Campus Writing Program, and is also a Fred Rogers Fellow. She teaches many literature classes, has many works published, and is known for her quick problem-solving skills, especially among English majors.

What does SVC's Women's Week mean to you?

"My first year as a faculty member at SVC in 2008 happened to be the same year as the 25th anniversary of coeducation at Saint Vincent College. That year, I attended events and speakers and learned about women's experiences in that short time. I felt proud to be adding to the number of women undertaking work at a place with a rich history of single-sex education that had decided to welcome women as students and faculty."

Are there any outstanding women from your life that have helped you get where you are today?

"In my fifteen years here since then I think often of my women colleagues and students and have tried to participate in a healthy workplace and learning environment. Having a healthy community and sense of place smooths the path toward learning and achievement. I'm happy to see SVC acknowledging women who work and learn here this year."



SPORTS

Bearcats Break Even in Florida

By: Jacob Rzepoluch, Sports Editor

Three years after SVC students were sent home due to the spread of COVID-19, it seems as if most things on campus have returned to their previous, normal states. However, many school organized spring break trips were only able to return this year. The Benedictine Leadership Scholars trip to Rome, McKenna School trip to Germany, and various athletic team trips happened for the first time since before the pandemic. The softball team returned to Florida for some spring ball, with Head Coach Nicole Karr picking up her 300th career win in the sun.

Before the Bearcats arrived in Florida, Coach Karr had amassed 297 wins leading the team. A 2004 SVC graduate and Saint Vincent College Athletic Hall of Famer, Karr has coached the Bearcats since 2007.

“It was great to be able to return to Florida with the team this year after not going for the last 2 years,” Karr said. “We had amazing weather and played some good competition.”

This year’s Bearcat softball roster is made up of only juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, meaning that none of the current athletes have made the trip before. The eight games that SVC played at the Auburndale Softball Complex provided even more novelty, as the Bearcats faced competition from Massachusetts to Minnesota to Illinois. Playing teams that SVC would not



Head Coach Nicole Karr notched her 300th win while the Bearcats were in Florida. (SOURCE: @svcsoftball_ INSTAGRAM)

normally face provides variety that allows the Bearcats to prepare for conference play. Sometimes, these teams provide unique challenges.

“One of the teams... half their lineup was lefties, so that’s obviously a different take when fielding,” Olivia Persin, junior math, computer science, and data science management major, said. Despite the various idiosyncrasies of their opponents, the Bearcats approach every game the same way.

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Softball Goes 4-4 And Karr Gets 300th Win

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“We prepare the same way no matter who we play,” Karr stated. “We make sure we focus on what we need to do and come prepared and ready for whoever we play.”

Focus is especially crucial in a season that consists of mainly doubleheaders. In Florida, the Bearcats would face a different team in the morning and afternoon, but the regular season will consist of doubleheaders against the same opponent.

The Bearcats picked up two wins against the Rivier Raiders and the Concordia-Morehead Cobbers on March 5. Kiley Meeks, freshman early childhood education major, allowed only six hits and one run in her collegiate debut. This performance would earn her President’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Newcomer of the Week honors.

“The first game I pitched in I was a little nervous, but I had great teammates who always picked me up,” Meeks explained. “Also, I believed in the girls also on the field so when the other team started hitting I knew my fielders were going to get the out or make some truly amazing plays that stopped the other team from gaining momentum.”

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Freshman Kiley Meeks has already begun to make an impact for the Bearcats. (SOURCE: JULIE WATKINS)

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Men's lacrosse in strong form

In Luke Hinch, Sports Editor The Saint Vincent Bearcat (SVC) is looking more like a contender for the season after a strong start, over a month ago...



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Wrestling returns to Saint Vincent

By Luke Hinch, Sports Editor On May 11, Saint Vincent College and its athletic department announced the return of wrestling to the...



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Men's tennis begins season with spring break trip

By Luke Hinch, Sports Editor During spring break, the men's tennis team enjoyed the week off from school by going to a tournament in the...



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New athletic facility on the way

By David Collins, Post-Town Staff After Saint Vincent College has announced plans to open a brand new athletic facility for students...



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Softball opens season strong: Team aiming for championship win

In Luke Hinch, Sports Editor Over the past few weeks, the Saint Vincent softball team has been looking to make a strong...

Bearcats Baseball In Florida

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Meeks would finish the week with a 2-1 record and 1.33 ERA that currently ranks second in the PAC, a performance that earned her Bearcat of the Week honors.

On their second day in Florida, the Bearcats fell to the Penn State Brandywine Nittany Lions and the Simmons Sharks. SVC would suffer another loss Tuesday morning against the Bluffton Beavers before a 9-5 victory against the Concordia-Chicago Cougars for Coach Karr's 300th win. Despite this outstanding achievement, the Bearcats were not yet finished. After a day off the Bearcats would split their Thursday games, losing to the Dominican Stars before defeating the Wheaton Thunder in a close game. SVC finished the week with a 4-4 record. Jessica LaPorte, junior marketing major; Alex Dillner, junior education major; and Persin all recorded home runs over the trip. Sophomore education major Allie Prady currently leads the Bearcats in RBIs (6) and batting average (.417).

The eight games that SVC played in Florida provided a strong test for a relatively young team. Coach Karr notes that the Bearcats have a strong and deep roster that is capable of a successful season.

"The biggest keys for the team to succeed this year are solid pitching, good defense and timely hitting," Karr said.

"We have a lot of depth at every position and during the trip, it seemed a different player stepped up in every game. That's a very good sign for the rest of the season."

The Bearcats will play a few more doubleheaders before beginning conference play against the Chatham Cougars on March 25.

Team Standings

Men's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	7	0	W7
Franciscan	4	0	W4
Bethany	2	2	W2
Chatham	3	4	W1
W&J	3	4	L2
Allegheny	2	4	L4
Grove City	2	4	L1
Westminster	2	4	W1
Thiel	2	5	L2

Schedule: Grove City 3/29 4 p.m., W&J 4/1 11 a.m., @Westminster 4/12 7:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Allegheny	5	0	W5
Chatham	3	0	W3
Bethany	3	2	L2
Thiel	3	2	W2
Franciscan	1	1	L1
Saint Vincent	1	1	W1
Waynesburg	1	2	L2
W&J	1	3	L2
Grove City	1	4	L2
Westminster	1	4	W1

Schedule: @Waynesburg 3/22 7 p.m., Mount Aloysius 3/23 4 p.m., Lycoming 3/26 3 p.m.

Men's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
PSU-Behrend	12	5	W1
Thiel	11	10	W1
Geneva	12	11	W6
Saint Vincent	7	8	L2
Medaille	6	12	W1
Mount Aloysius	6	13	L3
Hiram	5	11	L2
Mount Aloysius	4	10	L3
Wells	3	14	L3
PSU-Altoona	3	15	W1

Schedule: Wells 3/25 1 p.m., Hiram 3/29 7 p.m., @Thiel 4/1 6 p.m.

Baseball

Team	W	L	Streak
Bethany	9	2	W6
W&J	7	2	W2
Grove City	10	3	W8
Saint Vincent	5	4	L2
Westminster	4	5	L1
Geneva	6	8	L3
Chatham	4	6	W1
Waynesburg	3	5	L1
Allegheny	3	8	L3
Franciscan	1	4	L4
Thiel	1	7	L6

Schedule: @Mount Aloysius 3/21 1 p.m., @Waynesburg 3/25 1 p.m., W&J 3/28 1 p.m.

Softball

Team	W	L	Streak
Westminster	5	1	L1
Waynesburg	6	2	W2
Allegheny	8	4	L2
Saint Vincent	4	4	W1
Grove City	4	6	W1
Thiel	3	5	W1
Geneva	3	9	L3
Chatham	1	9	L5
W&J	0	0	--
Franciscan	0	4	L4
Bethany	0	6	L6

Schedule: LaRoche 3/20 3 p.m., @Juniata 3/22 3 p.m., @Chatham 3/25 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Team	W	L	Streak
Allegheny	5	3	W1
Grove City	4	3	L1
Geneva	2	2	W2
Saint Vincent	2	3	L3
Westminster	1	2	L1
W&J	1	4	W1
Franciscan	1	6	L4
Thiel	0	2	L2
Waynesburg	0	2	L2

Schedule: Westminster 3/23 4 p.m., @W&J 3/28 4 p.m., @McDaniel 4/1 TBD

Men's Track & Field

Schedule: @Bethany 3/25 TBD, @Slippery Rock 4/1 9 a.m., @Grove City 4/5 TBD

Women's Track & Field

Schedule: @Bethany 3/25 TBD, @Slippery Rock 4/1 9 a.m., @Grove City 4/5 TBD

Women's Bowling

Schedule: @AMCC Championships 3/24-3/26 TBD

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